

29 April 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 27, 28, 29 April 1965:

(This memo was delayed due to the existence of an intense low-pressure trough over East Scranton, Pa.)

On 27 April there was a current intelligence briefing.

Mr. Karamessines noted [redacted]

[redacted] He noted a visit to Peiping by members of the Palestine liberation front. He noted a report of Chinese communist influence in Latin America.

[redacted] He noted that ITEK would brief this morning on its plans for CORONA improvement. He reported that the TACKLE flight of 26 April had aborted after take-off. He reported on the loss of a U-2 at Edwards Air Force Base; and he reported the arrival of [redacted]

Bross discussed the current status of efforts to reach agreement on the NRO.

Houston noted that Senator Stennis wanted a briefing at least once a week. He noted that Representative Rivers and other Committee members would be at the Agency for breakfast on 29 April.

Kirkpatrick reviewed the status of the briefing schedule for Admiral Raborn.

There was a discussion of certain financial problems at the [redacted]

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[redacted] in his final official pronouncement to the Morning Meeting in that capacity, noted reports of a planned trip by Tito to the Soviet Union and [redacted]

DDS&T reported further on the U-2 loss, weather over China, [redacted] He stated that the ITEK briefing on CORONA improvement was not very substantial.

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It was agreed in view of Representative Rivers' visit that no Morning Meeting would be held on 29 April.

Chretien noted a request for a press interview and was told to decline.

Cline reported that Secretary McNamara had made background statements about the use of nuclear weapons in Southeast Asia. He requested that the post-mortem on the estimate on the Chinese communist military establishment be carefully studied inside the Agency before dissemination. He also noted that the President had a news ticker in his office which is complicating life for the White House Situation Room.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that follow-up meetings on the CIA budget will probably occur next week, and that the back-up papers on intelligence production and the clandestine services were being prepared. He noted that he had requested the Bureau of Budget to delay its inquiries into NPIC for the time being.

It was noted that the Clifford Board is scheduled to meet next on 21 May. There was a discussion of dissatisfaction among certain members of the Board. Mr. McCone requested Sherman Kent to sound out [redacted] on this question. Mr. McCone and Admiral Raborn held a discussion on the NRO - with particular reference as to whether there had been a more recent recommendation by the Clifford Board on this subject than was known to Mr. McCone.

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There was a discussion of Vietnam - with particular reference to a letter for Mr. McCone to leave with the President on this subject.

There was no Morning Meeting on 29 April.

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